



City of Seat Pleasant

Office of the Director of Economic Development
Director Weyimi Ayu

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A SMART CITY OF EXCELLENCE

“Seat Pleasant offers Smart City Services that are better, faster and personalized making it a City for Me using information and communication technology, with the internet of things”

Department Name **Economic Development**

Date of Report: **May 31, 2018** **Reporting Period** **May 2018**

Summarize significant department progress for the reporting period that is indicative of providing services that are better, faster and personalized

- The Economic development department is continuously making progress with our Master Plan, which is being completed by Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill, LLC. Several meetings have occurred to make sure it is successfully implemented. There was a second Charette was held on May 5, 2018, hosted by Roger Weber from Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill, and was very successful. The Master plan is still on schedule to be complete by August.
- The Housing Trust Fund “Smart Home” Initiative is still making some tremendous progress at 6212 Addison Road from the interior to the exterior and is expected to be complete soon.
- Economic Development is still in communication with Good Food Market, and is still making progress in efforts of obtaining them to be located in Addison Plaza.
- Economic Development has resubmitted all required documents to USDA, and is still waiting for the Notice to Proceed with construction for our Smart City project, with new hopes of beginning mid-June.
- Economic Development is still concentrating on our Smart City initiative and obtaining vacant homes to diminish some of the blight in Seat Pleasant. The City of Seat Pleasant has obtained three new vacant homes and went to closing on April 18, 2018 for 716 Cabin Branch Ave. On April 27, 2018, The City of Seat Pleasant closed on 6211 Foote Street, and also closed on 6512 Seat Pleasant Drive, on April 7, 2018.
- Economic Development Director Weyimi Ayu attended the Reclaiming Vacant Properties Conference in Milwaukee, WI from May 13-16, for the purposes of getting best strategies on how to eliminate blight and vacant properties in cities like Seat Pleasant
- Director Weyimi Ayu had a meeting with HOMEFREE USA on May 1, 2018 to discuss a partnership with HOMEFREE and Citibank, and was successful
- Director Weyimi Ayu presented before the PG County Planning Board on May 31, 2018 for the approval of our PAMC grant, which was successfully accomplished.
- Mrs. Rhoda, Grants Manager for Economic Development, applied for the Community Legacy Grant.

Revenue

Line Item **6-5100 – 6-6602**

FY2017 Budget (Previous Year)	FY 2018 Budget (Current Year)	FY 2018 Actual (Current Year)
\$70,000.00	N/A	\$6,489,779.01

Expenditures

Offers 1.1 to 1.8

FY2017 Budget (Previous Year)	FY 2018 Budget (Current Year)	FY 2018 Actual (Current Year)
\$70,000.00	\$5,142,899.34	\$2,060,004.68

Attachments: Net Suite for Economic Development